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July 28, 2017

Thomas D. Homan  
Acting Director  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
500 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Acting Director Homan:

I am concerned about recent immigration raids in Memphis, Tennessee. According to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), these raids targeted individuals with criminal histories and/or suspected gang ties.<sup>1</sup> ICE also indicated that it targeted minors.<sup>2</sup>

Press reports, however, suggest that individuals without criminal histories were arrested.<sup>3</sup>

As you know, ICE has limited resources, and it is vitally important that it prioritize the use of these resources in a manner designed to keep our communities safe.

I would like to know:

- 1) How ICE determined who it would target in these raids?
- 2) How ICE determined that these raids were the best way to use its limited resources to keep our communities safe?
- 3) How many of the arrested individuals had committed a criminal offense, other than an offense related to illegal entry?
- 4) How many of the arrested individuals were suspected of having committed a criminal offense, other than an offense related to illegal entry?
- 5) How many of the arrested individuals had committed no criminal offense, other than an offense related to illegal entry?

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/local/2017/07/24/federal-arrests-shake-memphis-hispanic-community/503578001/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/local/2017/07/24/federal-arrests-shake-memphis-hispanic-community/503578001/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.commercialappeal.com/story/news/local/2017/07/24/federal-arrests-shake-memphis-hispanic-community/503578001/>

- 6) How many of the arrested individuals were not suspected of having committed a criminal offense, other than an offense related to illegal entry?

Thank you for your assistance.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Cohen", with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Cohen